

2009 Year in Review

*People of sensibility almost always felt powerful reactions
to the atmosphere of the Southwest.*

~ Paul Horgan, Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian



"Serving Western Legislatures"

The Council of State Governments-WEST

About CSG-WEST



"Serving Western Legislatures"

The Council of State Governments-WEST (CSG-WEST) provides a nonpartisan platform for regional cooperation among the legislatures of the West, creating opportunities for legislators and staff to share ideas and experiences, as well as institutional linkages with other elected political leaders throughout the region. Based in California where it was founded over 60 years ago as the western region of the Council of State Governments (CSG), the CSG-WEST legislative membership of 13 western states benefits from its associate memberships with the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia; the Pacific islands of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam; and from its collaborative partnerships with the border states of Mexico.

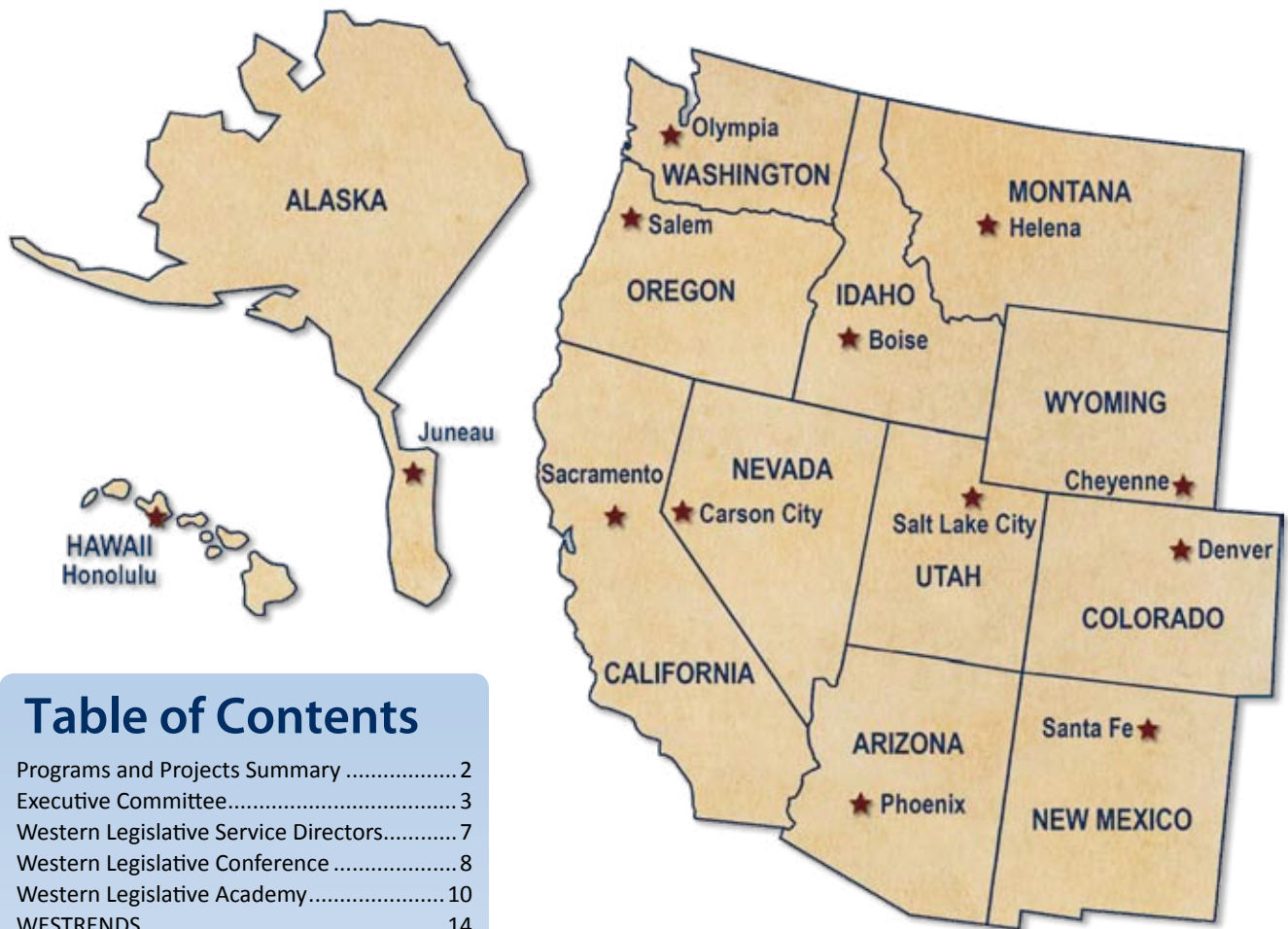


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A Message from the 2010 CSG-WEST Officers



Left to right: Representative Jose **Campos**, New Mexico, CSG-WEST Immediate Past Chair; Representative Marcus **Oshiro**, Hawaii, CSG-WEST Chair-Elect; Representative Rosie **Berger**, Wyoming, CSG-WEST Vice-Chair; Representative Rich **Wills**, Idaho, CSG-WEST Chair

We are pleased to provide you a brief summary of key CSG-WEST programs and projects for the 2009 Year in Review. This was a year of significant increase in the scope, range and reach of our activities on behalf of western state legislators.

Two initiatives that began in 2009 will have potentially profound implications for 2010 and beyond. One is the Western States Energy and Environment Symposium which convened in Jackson, Wyoming. CSG-WEST was a co-sponsor of the symposium that brought together legislative leaders and energy committee chairs from all 13 western states to discuss the West's energy future. The symposium will use the CSG-WEST Energy and Environment Committee as one of the out-boxes for the final report.

The second project is the invitation extended to CSG-WEST by the Western Governors' Association to participate in a U.S. Department of Energy grant to modernize and strengthen the capacity of the western electrical grid. The grant provides substantial financial support for significant legislative involvement in the policy decisions affecting electrical transmission in the western grid.

As CSG-WEST continues to look for new opportunities and new partnerships to address regional issues, we remain grateful for the active involvement and support of our Executive Committee in the core programs, projects, as well as in the governance of our organization.

Sincerely,

Representative Rich Wills, Idaho
CSG-WEST Chair

Representative Marcus Oshiro, Hawaii
CSG-WEST Chair-Elect

Representative Rosie Berger, Wyoming
CSG-WEST Vice Chair

Representative Jose Campos, New Mexico
CSG-WEST Immediate Past Chair

Summary of CSG-WEST Programs and Projects

Programs

- The **Western Legislative Conference** brings together legislators from western states to learn from each other and collaborate on issues of regional concern such as water, public lands, energy and transportation.
- The **Western Legislative Academy** is an intensive professional development program designed to support newer western state legislators to become more effective leaders and to strengthen legislative institutions.
- **WESTRENDS** is a regional leadership board comprised of one legislator from each western state that addresses demographic, economic and cultural trends shaping the West.
- The **Legislative Service Agency and Research Directors Committee** provides nonpartisan western staff leaders management training and opportunity to share best practices.

Projects

- The **U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership** is a collaborative, multi-branch program aimed at strengthening cooperation among state officials and institutions of both countries. The Partnership promotes and convenes binational exchanges among border legislators, attorneys general, treasurers, Lt. Governors and other officials to enhance the role of state officials to address shared public policy concerns that transcend international borders.
- Pursuing cooperative solutions to issues that arise along the 2000-mile U.S.-Mexican border is the focus of the **Border Legislative Conference**, which is comprised of state legislators from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the six Mexican border states of Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila and Tamaulipas.
- CSG-WEST acts as a convener for the **Legislative Council on River Governance**, a cooperative association of legislators from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana focused on water, environment and energy issues along the Columbia River Basin.
- CSG-WEST joined the Wyoming Legislature as a co-sponsor of the **Western States Energy and Environment Symposium** that brought together legislative leaders and energy committee chairs from all 13 western states to discuss the West's energy future. One of the out-boxes for the final report will be the CSG-WEST Energy and Environment Committee.
- The **Modernization and Strengthening of the Capacity of the Western Electrical Grid** is a project in cooperation with the Western Governors' Association and the U.S. Department of Energy that will provide substantial financial support for western state legislator involvement in the policy decisions affecting transmission of electrical power that impacts eleven western states as well as British Columbia and Alberta in Canada and northern Baja California in Mexico.



Santa Fe's architecture blends into the surrounding landscape.

CSG-WEST 2009 Executive Committee



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New Mexico
CSG-WEST Chair



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Idaho
CSG-WEST Chair-Elect



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Hawaii
CSG-WEST Vice Chair



Sen. Lesil **McGuire**
Alaska
CSG-WEST Immediate Past Chair

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Con **Bunde**, Senate Minority Leader
Lesil **McGuire**, Senator
Mike **Chenault**, Speaker of the House
Kyle **Johansen**, House Majority Leader
Beth **Kerttula**, House Minority Leader
David **Guttenburg**, Representative
Craig **Johnson**, Representative

ARIZONA

Robert **Burns**, President of the Senate
Jorge Luis **Garcia**, Senate Minority Leader
Carolyn S. **Allen**, Senator
John **Nelson**, Senator
Jonathan **Paton**, Senator
Russell **Pearce**, Senator
Kirk **Adams**, Speaker of the House
David **Lujan**, House Minority Leader

CALIFORNIA

Darrell **Steinberg**, President Pro Tempore
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Senate Minority Leader
Elaine **Alquist**, Senator
Denise Moreno **Ducheny**, Senator
Curren **Price**, Senator
Karen **Bass**, Speaker of the Assembly
Sam **Blakeslee**
Assembly Minority Floor Leader
Hector **De La Torre**, Assemblymember

COLORADO

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Mike **May**, House Minority Leader
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Kyle **Yamashita**, Representative

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John **Rusche**, House Minority Leader
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Thomas **Loertscher**, Representative
Rich **Wills**, Representative

MONTANA

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Carol **Williams**, Senate Minority Leader
Kim **Gillan**, Senate Minority Whip
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Bob **Bergren**, Speaker of the House
Scott **Sales**, House Minority Leader
Betsy **Hands**, Representative

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Terry **Care**, Senator
John **Lee**, Senator
William J. **Raggio**
Senate Minority Floor Leader
Barbara E. **Buckley**, Speaker of the Assembly
John **Oceguera**
Assembly Majority Floor Leader
Hedi S. **Gansert**
Assembly Minority Floor Leader
Kelvin D. **Atkinson**, Assembly Member

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Tim **Eichenberg**, Senator
John **Sapient**, Senator
Ben **Lujan**, Speaker of the House
Thomas C. **Taylor**
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Brian **Egolf**, Representative
Thomas **Garcia**, Representative
Danice **Picraux**, Representative
Jeannette **Wallace**, Representative

OREGON

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Jackie **Dingfelder**, Senator
Dave **Hunt**, Speaker of the House
Bruce **Hanna**, House Republican Leader

UTAH

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Patricia W. **Jones**, Senate Minority Leader
Steve **Urquhart**, Senator
David **Clark**, Speaker of the House
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Ronda Rudd **Menlove**, Representative

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Mike **Hewitt**, Senate Republican Leader
Fred **Jarrett**, Senator
Frank **Chopp**, Speaker of the House
Jeff **Morris**, Speaker Pro Tempore
Richard **DeBolt**, House Minority Leader
Sam **Hunt**, Representative

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John **Hines**, President of the Senate
Kathryn **Sessions**, Senate Minority Floor Leader
Grant **Larson**, Senator
John **Schiffer**, Senator
Colin **Simpson**, Speaker of the House
W. Patrick **Goggles**
House Minority Floor Leader
Rosie **Berger**, Representative

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Legislative Affairs Agency, Alaska
Mike **Christensen**, Director
Office of Legislative Research and
General Counsel, Utah



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CSG-WEST 2009 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee serves as the board of directors of CSG-WEST, reviewing the work and activities of policy committees, adopting policy positions and annually selecting participants for the Western Legislative Academy.

The committee is comprised of four CSG-WEST officers, the presiding legislative officers and ranking minority leaders of each member state, the chair and vice chair of CSG and CSG-WEST

committees and legislators appointed by the presiding legislative officers of member states.

The Executive Committee of CSG-WEST works with staff and officers of the Western Governors' Association, Western Municipal Conference and Western Interstate Region of the National Association of Counties to build a creative advocacy for the West's interests at the state and local level.

Executive Committee Program Presenters



*Rommel Moreno **Manjarrez**, Attorney General of Baja California, Mexico shared perspectives on fighting organized crime on the U.S.-Mexico border.*



*Chris **Whatley**, Director of the CSG Washington, D.C. office, updated members on the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.*

*Rick **Van Schoick**, Director of the North American Center for Transborder Studies at Arizona State University in Tempe, briefed members regarding a recent report on building sustainable security and competitiveness for North America.*



*Assistant Surgeon General Epifanio **Elizondo** from the U.S. Public Health Service in Dallas, Texas provided an update on the status of the H1N1 virus.*



*Nick **Rathod**, state legislative liaison for the White House of Intergovernmental Relations in Washington, D.C., told members what the West can expect from the Obama Administration.*



*Elizabeth **Bauch** of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Mexico City, Mexico expanded upon the benefits of the U.S.-Mexico Alliance Partnership program with CSG-WEST.*



*Rich **Halvey** of the Western Governors' Association in Denver, Colorado discussed how western legislators and governors can work together with the U.S. Department of Energy to develop a stronger western electrical grid.*

Meetings-at-a-Glance

May 22 – San Diego, California

- Selection of Western Legislative Academy Class of 2009
- Western Legislative Conference Policy Agenda Setting Sessions
- Fighting Crime on the U.S.-Mexico Border
- Impacts of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

October 8 – Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Expectations from the Obama Administration
- Status on H1N1 Virus Preparations
- Update on CSG-WEST Programs and Projects
- Western State Energy & Environment Symposium
- Modernizing and Strengthening the Western Electrical Grid
- Election of CSG-WEST 2010 Officers

CSG-WEST 2009 Executive Committee

Member Participation



Senator John **Schiffer**
Wyoming



Representative
Nancy **Todd**, Colorado



Speaker Bob **Bergren**
Montana

Senator
Denise Moreno **Ducheny**
California



Senate President
John **Hines**, Wyoming



Representative
Kyle **Yamashita**
Hawaii



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Tom **Taylor**, New Mexico

Representative
Janice Arnold-**Jones**
New Mexico



Speaker Pro Tempore
Jeff **Morris**
Washington



Representative
Thomas **Garcia**
New Mexico



Senator Jackie **Dingfelder**
Oregon



Representative
Jose **Campos**
New Mexico



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Kim **Gillan**, Montana



Senate
Minority Leader
Jorge Luis **Garcia**
Arizona



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Craig **Johnson**
Alaska



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Rich **Wills**, Idaho

Senator
Grant **Larson**
Wyoming



Representative
Maxine **Bell** Idaho



Representative
Marcus **Oshiro**, Hawaii



Senator
Carolyn **Allen**
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Senate President Pro Tempore Rosa **Franklin**, Washington
Senate President Gary **Stevens**, Alaska
Representative Sam **Hunt**, Washington

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New Mexico



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Senator
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Montana



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Nevada



Representative Mel **Brown**
Utah



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Kyle **Johansen**, Alaska



Senator John **Sapien**
New Mexico



Representative
Rosie **Berger**
Wyoming



Senator Jim **Keane**, Montana



Senator
Brian **Taniguchi**
Hawaii



Representative
Jeannette **Wallace**
New Mexico



Senator
Jonathan **Paton**
Arizona



Senator Lesil **McGuire**
Alaska

Representative
Thomas **Loertscher**
Idaho



Representative Brian **Egolf**
New Mexico



Western Legislative Service Agency and Research Directors

November 11-13, 2009 • La Quinta, California

People are persuaded in their languages, not yours.

~ Rhonda Hilyer, Agreement Dynamics, Inc.

Each year the CSG-WEST Legislative Service Agency/ Research Directors Committee convenes a Fall Training Seminar where key western nonpartisan staff leaders share best management practices.

In November 2009, the West joined forces with counterparts from the Southern region of CSG to hold a joint meeting in La Quinta, California.

Program Presenters



Seattle labor-management trainer Rhonda **Hilyer** delivered lessons in successful workplace communication styles.



Boston employee relations expert Andrew **Matz** offered tips on "How to Manage the 21st Century Workplace."



In a session called "To Tweet or Not to Tweet," Washington State Senate Counsel Mike **Hoover** reviewed the pitfalls of social networking in the legislative workplace.

Member Participation



Judy **Hall**, Oregon



Alaska's Executive Director of the Legislative Affairs Agency Pam **Varni** presided over the training with Alabama's Legislative Reference Service director Jerry **Bassett**.



Dan **Pauli**
Wyoming



Diane
Boyer-Vine
California



David **Thomas**, Arizona



Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi
Hawaii
and Mark **Quiner**
Wyoming



Susan **Fox**, Montana and Richard **Rodger**, Washington



Lorne **Malkiewich**
Nevada



Scott **Burgess**, Oregon and Agnes **Lee**, California

Western Legislative Conference

October 6-7, 2009 • Santa Fe, New Mexico

Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

~ Vince Lombardi

Lawmakers from the West's 13 state legislatures assembled in policy forums at the CSG-WEST annual meeting to learn from one another and share ideas about regional strategies and solutions.



Overview of 2009 Policy Committees

Education Committee



CHAIR
Ronda Rudd **Menlove**
Representative
Utah



VICE Chair
Nancy **Todd**
Representative
Colorado

Members of the Education Committee heard from Aurora Community College President Dr. Linda Bowman and WestEd Policy Center & Southwest Comprehensive Center Director Paul Koehler to discuss policy strategies for educational reform and trends in education legislation. Members also participated in a special one-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) workshop on education and work force development provided by K-20 California Education Technology Collaborative and New Mexico Innovate-Educate.

Energy and Environment Committee



CHAIR
Jackie **Dingfelder**
Senator
Oregon



VICE Chair
John **Schiffer**
Senator
Wyoming

The Energy and Environment Committee focused on some key issues surrounding regional energy sustainability and efficiency. Presentations included feed-in tariffs, carbon offsets, regional portfolio standards and western renewable energy grid management. Members also heard a comprehensive update of what is included in current federal energy legislation.

Western Legislative Conference

Fiscal Affairs Committee



CHAIR
Maxine Bell
Representative
Idaho



VICE CHAIR
Kyle Yamashita
Representative
Hawaii

The Fiscal Affairs Committee concentrated on the role and impact of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Members received an excellent historical perspective on recessions, stretching back to the Great Depression; a significant overview of ARRA and an overview on Oregon as a case study for its efforts to integrate stimulus funds, creating sustainable, long-term jobs and bolstering the state's green energy economy.

Future of Western Legislatures Committee



CHAIR
Carolyn Allen
Senator
Arizona



VICE CHAIR
Sam Hunt
Representative
Washington

The Western Legislature Committee focused on purple politics and whether bipartisanship in state legislatures is possible. Political commentators and leading experts on state legislatures joined with western legislators to discuss whether lawmakers should cross partisan divides to craft policy solutions, whether parties are more polarized than voters, the causes and consequences of political polarization inside the legislature as well as lessons learned from western state chambers that govern with bipartisan coalitions.

Trade and Transportation Committee



CHAIR
Jim Keane
Senator
Montana



VICE CHAIR
Janice Arnold-Jones
Representative
New Mexico

The Trade and Transportation Committee looked at issues encompassing this year's federal reauthorization of the highway bill from both national and western perspectives. Members also received an in-depth report on the future of highway funding from a representative of the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission.

Water and Public Lands Committee



CHAIR
Kelvin Atkinson
Assemblyman
Nevada



VICE CHAIR
Craig Johnson
Representative
Alaska

Members of the Water and Public Lands Committee learned about western water projects included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and received a perspective from the New Mexico State Engineer about water issues in the West. Members also discussed the role of water in energy production and federal legislation aimed at amending the Clean Water Act.

Western Legislative Academy

July 5-8, 2009 • Colorado Springs, Colorado

When you get to know your classmates, you will find a dazzling variety of vocations and avocations -- ranchers, homemakers, entrepreneurs, attorneys, community activists, pilots and motorcycle riders.

~ New Mexico Representative Jose Campos, 2009 CSG-WEST Chair

2009 Marks 10th Anniversary of WLA



This year marked the 10th anniversary of the CSG-WEST Western Legislative Academy (WLA), the premier training event for newer state legislators from 13 western states. Lawmakers spent three days in intensive training at the Academy's home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

From morning until night, legislators took classes in legislative institutions, time management, governance, ethics, communications and negotiations. A half day was spent at the U.S. Air Force Academy engaged in some of the same team building exercises offered to officers and cadets. Faculty is drawn from academia, corporate and public sectors as well as the military.

Admission to the CSG-WEST Academy is competitive. Since its beginning in 2000, the Academy has graduated 373 legislative "students," many of whom go on to state legislative leadership positions. Three WLA alumni now serve in Congress and two serve in the U.S. Senate.

CSG-WEST Chair Jose **Campos** (NM) and Chair-Elect Marcus **Oshiro** (HI) presided over the WLA.

The El Pomar Foundation leads a growing number of public and private sector contributors in giving the financial and in-kind support important to the success of the Western Legislative Academy.



Western Legislative Academy

Class of 2009



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Front row (l to r): Jan Angel (Rep WA), Sherrie Sprenger (Rep OR), Shirley Breeden (Sen NV), Linda Newell (Sen CO), Bill Beck (Rep MT), Karen Awana (Rep HI), Su Ryden (Rep CO), Martha Schrader (Sen OR), Rae Waters (Rep AZ)

Second row: Becky Edwards (Rep UT), Fred Finn (Rep WA), Sharon Har (Rep HI), Nathan Cote (Rep NM), Cathy Connolly (Rep WY), Phylis King (Rep ID), Tim Stubson (Rep WY), Rebecca Chavez-Houck (Rep UT)

Third row: Joe Palmer (Rep ID), Melissa Woodbury (Asmbr NV), Don Ipson (Rep UT), John Sapien (Sen NM), Howie Morales (Sen NM), Cheri Gerou (Rep CO), Cecil Ash (Rep AZ), Roland Sagum (Rep HI)

Fourth row: Bob Buch (Rep AK), April Mastroluca (Asmbr NV), Sue Wallis (Rep WY), Bruce Dammeier (Rep WA), Brad Hamlett (Sen MT)

Last row: Paul Bandy (Rep NM), Bill Wielechowski (Sen AK), Curren Price (Sen CA), Mark Ferrandino (Rep CO), Jefferson Smith (Rep OR), Joe Thomas (Sen AK), Cliff Larsen (Sen MT), Jeff Siddoway (Sen ID)



WLA 2009 Class President
Senator John Sapien
New Mexico

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ALASKA

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Sen John Coghill, Jr.-02
Fmr Rep Eric Croft-00
Rep Nancy Dahlstrom-04
Rep Anna Fairclough-08
Fmr Rep Hugh "Bud" Fate-02
Rep Carl Gatto-06
Fmr Sen Gretchen Guess-01
Rep David Guttenberg-04
Rep John Harris-00
Fmr Rep Jim Holm-03
Rep Lindsey Holmes-08
Sen Charlie Huggins-05
Rep Craig Johnson-08
Rep Mike Kelly-05
Sen Lesil McGuire-01
Sen Kevin Meyer-02
U.S. Sen Lisa Murkowski-00
Fmr Rep Mary Nelson-02
Rep Mark Neuman-07
Rep Kurt Olson-05
Fmr Rep Ralph Samuels-03
Rep Paul Seaton-04
Fmr Sen Ralph Seekins-04
Sen Bert Stedman-06
Sen Pres. Gary Stevens-01
Sen Joe Thomas-09
Rep William A. Thomas, Jr.-06
Sen Thomas Wagoner-03
Sen Bill Wielechowski-09
Fmr Sen Gary Wilken-00
Rep Peggy Wilson-01

ARIZONA

Sen Paula Aboud-07
Rep Cecil Ash-09
Fmr Sen Pres. Timothy Bee-02
Rep David Bradley-05
Fmr Rep Jennifer Burns-03
Sen Meg Burton Cahill-01
Rep Olivia Cajero Bedford-03
Rep Cloves Campbell, Jr.-08

Fmr Sen Robert Cannell-01
Rep Adam Driggs-07
Rep Steve Farley-08
U.S. Rep Gabrielle Giffords-04
Fmr Sen Herb Guenther-00
Sen Albert Hale-05
Fmr Sen Toni Hellon-02
Rep Russ Jones-05
U.S. Rep Ann Kirkpatrick-06
Rep Bill Konopnicki-05
Rep Phil Lopes-03
Rep John McComish-06
Rep Nancy McLain-06
U.S. Rep Harry Mitchell-00
Fmr Sen Tom O'Halleran-02
Sen Jonathon Paton-07
Sen Thayer Verschoor-03
Sen Jim Waring-04
Rep Rae Waters-09

CALIFORNIA

Asmbr Anthony Adams-07
Sen Jeff Denham-04
The late Asmbr Marco Firebaugh-00
Asmbr Tony Mendoza-07
Sen Jenny Oropeza-01
Sen Curren Price-09

COLORADO

Rep Debbie Benefield-05
Fmr Rep Alice Borodkin-02
Rep Ed Casso-08
Fmr Sen Jim Dyer-00
Rep Mark Ferrandino-09
Rep Cheri Gerou-09
Fmr Rep Dale Hall-06
Sen Mary Hodge-02
Fmr Sen Jim Isgar-04
Fmr Rep Cheri Jahn-04
Fmr Rep Ramey Johnson-03
Rep James J. Kerr-06
Rep Claire Levy-07

Fmr Rep Carl Miller-00
Sen Linda Newell-09
Rep Jim Riesberg-05
Rep Ellen Roberts-07
Fmr Rep Raymond Rose-03
Rep Su Ryden-09
Sen Paula Sandoval-03
Sen Gail Schwartz-08
Fmr Rep Jim Snook-01
Rep Judy Solano-06
Fmr Spkr. Lola Spradley-00
Fmr Rep Debbie Stafford-02
Rep Amy Stephens-08
Sen Abel Tapia-02
Fmr Sen Ron Teck-00
Rep Nancy Todd-06

HAWAII

Fmr Sen Melodie Aduja-03
Fmr Rep Emily Auwae-00
Rep Karen Leinani Awana-09
Rep Rida T.R. Cabanilla-06
Rep Mele Carroll-07
Rep Pono Chong-05
Sen J. Kalani English-01
Rep Cindy Evans-03
Rep Lynn Finnegan-04
Sen Mike Gabbard-08
Fmr Rep Helene Hale-01
Rep Sharon Har-09
Fmr Sen Lorraine Inouye-00
Fmr Rep Mindy Jaffe-01
Fmr Rep Sol Kaho'ohalahala-00
Rep Jon Riki Karamatsu-03
Sen Donna Mercado Kim-02
Sen Russell Kokubun-02
Rep John Mizuno-08
Rep Hermina Morita-00
Sen Clarence Nishihara-07
Rep Scott Nishimoto-04
Fmr Rep David Pendleton-02
Rep Roland Sagum, III-09

Sen Jill Tokuda-07
Sen Shan Tsutsui-05
Rep Glenn Wakai-04
Rep Kyle Yamashita-05

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Rep Clifford Bayer-05
Rep Carlos Bilbao-08
Rep Sharon Block-03
Rep Darrell Bolz-01
Fmr Sen Skip Brandt-02
Sen Joyce Broadsword-07
Fmr Sen Don Burtenshaw-00
Fmr Rep Joseph Cannon-04
Rep Marge Chadderdon-08
Rep Susan Chew-08
Fmr Sen Dick Compton-04
Sen Tim Corder-05
Sen Russ Fulcher-07
Sen John Goedde-01
Rep Marv Hagedorn-07
Sen Jim Hammond-08
Rep R.J. "Dick" Harwood-02
Rep Frank Henderson-06
Sen Brent Hill-02
Rep Bill Killen-07
Rep Phyllis King-09
Sen Patti Anne Lodge-01
Sen John McGee-06
Sen Curt McKenzie-03
Rep Joe Palmer-09
Rep Dell Raybould-02
Fmr Rep Robert Ring-04
Rep John Rusche-05
Rep Mack Shirley-04
Sen Jeff Siddoway-09
Rep Elaine Smith-03
Fmr Rep Steve Smylie-00
Sen Joe Stegner-00
Rep Richard Wills-06
Fmr Rep Gary Young-01

MONTANA

Rep Elsie Arntzen-05
Rep Bill Beck-09
Rep Mark Blasdel-08
Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger-00
Rep Robyn Driscoll-06
Sen Jeff Essmann-08
Sen Kim Gillan-00
Fmr Rep George Golie-00
Sen Bradley Maxon Hamlett-09
Sen Ken Hansen-04
Rep Dennis Himmelberger-05
Fmr Rep Linda Holden-01
Fmr Rep Joey Jayne-01
Sen Jim Keane-02
Sen Rick Laible-03
Fmr Rep Michael Lange-03
Sen Cliff Larsen-09
Fmr Sen Lane Larson-05
MT Auditor Monica Lindeen-00
Rep Gary MacLaren-06
Rep Tom McGillivray-07
Rep Scott Mendenhall-04
Sen Lynda Moss-07
Fmr Rep Mark Noennig-01
Rep Bill Nooney-07
Rep Ken Peterson-07
Fmr Sen Don Ryan-01
Sen Trudi Schmidt-03
Fmr Sen Frank Smith-02
Sen Mitch Tropila-08
Rep Franke Wilmer-08
Fmr Rep Jeanne Windham-06

NEVADA

Sen Mark Amodei-00
Asmbr Kelvin Atkinson-03
Asmbr David Bobzien-07
Sen Shirley Breeden-09
Sen Barbara Cegavske-00
Asmbr Jerry Claborn-00
Asmbr Marcus Conklin-03
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Holcomb-06
Asmbr William Horne-03
Sen Steven Horsford-06
Asmbr Marilyn Kirkpatrick-05
Asmbr Ellen Koivisto-00
Sen John Jay Lee-05
Asmbr April Mastroluca-09
Asmbr John Ocegüera-01
Asmbr James Ohrenschild-08
Asmbr Tick Segerblom-08
Asmbr James Settelmeyer-07
Fmr Asmbr Rod Sherer-04
Asmbr Debbie Smith-01
Fmr Asmbr Valerie Weber-04
Asmbr Melissa Woodbury-09

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Sen Vernon Asbill-06
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Rep Paul Bandy-09
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Fmr Rep Richard Berry-08
Rep Jose Campos-04
Rep Nathan Cote-09
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Rep Mary Helen Garcia-00
Rep Thomas Garcia-07
Rep Keith Gardner-06
The late Rep Ron Godbey-00
Fmr Sen John T.L. Grubecic-07
Rep Joni Marie Gutierrez-05
Rep Jimmie Hall-07
Fmr Rep Irvin Harrison-03
Sen Gay Kernan-03
Rep Patricia Lundstrom-02
Sen Richard Martinez-02
Rep Kathy McCoy-05
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Sen Howie Morales-09
Rep Andy Nuñez-04
Sen Gerald Ortiz y Pino-05
Sen Mary Kay Papen-01
Rep Al Park-01
Rep Jane Powdrell-Culbert-03
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Rep Sherrie Sprenger-09

The late Rep Mac Sumner-06
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Sen Doug Whitsett-06

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Sen Patricia Jones-01
Rep Todd Kiser-04
Sen Peter Knudson-00
Rep Ronda Rudd Menlove-05
Fmr Rep Rosalind McGee-04
Rep Michael Morley-03
Fmr Rep Paul Neuenschwander-07
Rep Merlynn Newbold-02
Rep Curtis Oda-06
Rep Patrick Painter-06
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Rep Phil Riesen-08
Rep Jennifer Seelig-07
Fmr Sen David Thomas-03
Fmr Sen Carlene Walker-01
Rep Mark Wheatley-06
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Rep Jan Angel-09
Rep Sherry Appleton-07
Rep Mike Armstrong-02
Rep Barbara Bailey-05
Sen Dale Brandland-03
Fmr Rep David Buri-06
Rep Bruce Chandler-01

Rep Judy Clibborn-05
Rep Bruce Dammeier-09
Fmr Rep Carolyn Edmonds-00
Rep Fred Finn-09
Rep Larry Haler-06
Rep Bob Hasegawa-05
Sen Mike Hewitt-03
Sen Jim Honeyford-00
Rep Sam Hunt-02
Rep Troy Kelley-08
Sen Derek Kilmer-05
Rep Mark Miloscia-01
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Sen Linda Evans Parlette-00
Rep Kirk Pearson-02
Rep Mary Helen Roberts-08
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Sen Kit Jennings-06
Rep Thomas Lockhart-01
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Rep Sue Wallis-09

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We know this century will be driven by innovation, and the factors that give states and regions an innovative edge are created, not inherited.

~ Mary Jo Waits, National Governors' Association



Senator Kim **Gillan**, Montana
WESTRENDS Chair



Representative Beth **Kerttula**, Alaska
WESTRENDS Vice Chair

WESTRENDS provides a forum for legislators to examine the consequences of demographic, economic and cultural trends shaping the West. Each western state is represented on the WESTRENDS Board by a legislator with an interest in issues and forces changing our region. And, with this purpose in mind, the WESTRENDS Board engaged in lively conversations with three experts on trends forecasting.

Gerald **O'Donnell**, a veteran demographer for the U.S. Census Bureau in Denver, confirmed that the West is easily the most dynamic region of the United States. Six of the ten fastest growing states are in the West, as well as states with the highest rate of growth both from natural population increases and migration.

Mary Jo **Waits**, director of social and economic workforce programs at the National Governors' Association in Washington, D.C., pointed out that it is not just how many people a state attracts but who those people are that is important. She noted that the 21st Century will be driven by innovation and many of the circumstances that provide states and regions with an innovative edge are created, not inherited.

Futurist John **Petersen**, the founder of the Arlington Institute in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, introduced the possibility of counter trends or "Wild Cards" that are almost always completely unanticipated. The rate of change in the 21st Century will be so rapid that fundamental political, economic and cultural shifts will be virtually undetected before they occur, according to Petersen.

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U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership



The U.S.–Mexico State Alliance Partnership is a collaborative, multi-branch alliance administered by CSG in coordination with numerous partners aimed at strengthening binational cooperation among state officials of both countries.

These partners include the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), CSG’s Western and Southern regional offices and Washington DC office, the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG), National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA), the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Arizona State University’s (ASU) North American Center for Transborder Studies.

In 2009, the partners of the Alliance Partnership convened numerous binational forums, capacity training exchanges and seminars among border legislators, attorneys general, treasurers and lieutenant governors that enhanced the role of state officials in addressing shared public policy concerns that transcend international borders. These exchanges promoted integration and outreach with other binational groups, such as the Border Governors’ Conference, so that concrete policy objectives and reforms could be achieved through a strategic, multi-branch and multi-jurisdictional approach.

During the year, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and ASU’s North American Center for Transborder Studies integrated into



Stretching nearly 2,000-miles, the U.S.–Mexico border region is a major economic engine for both countries. The two countries share not only a common border, but also commercial, historic and cultural ties. Map is from the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

U.S.-Mexico State Alliance Partnership



the Partnership to enhance legislative research capabilities and state–federal relations.

The Alliance partners, their respective members, networks and linkages comprise a broad and influential coalition that can affect change.

Financial support for the Alliance Partnership is provided by a grant from the USAID, along with significant in-kind and direct support by participating partners and their respective member states, as well as financial contributions by private sector stakeholders.

Colorado Attorney General and Chair of CWAG, John **Suthers**, and Former Attorney General of Mexico, Eduardo **Medina Mora**.



Texas Attorney General Greg **Abbott** and former Nuevo Leon Attorney General Luis Carlos **Trevino Berchermann** at a press conference announcing a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at strengthening cross-border cooperation.



Nevada Attorney General Catherine **Cortez Masto** and Oaxaca Attorney General Evencio Nicolás **Martínez Ramírez** signed an Agreement of Understanding, pledging an ongoing relationship of mutual support on matters of concern to law enforcement officials in both states.

Prosecutors and investigators from the Chihuahua Attorney General's office participated in a training hosted by Nevada Attorney General Catherine **Cortez Masto** from October 19 to 23 in Las Vegas as part of the State Alliance Partnership through the Conference of Western Attorneys General.



Border Legislative Conference



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Chihuahua



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The Border Legislative Conference (BLC) is the legislative component of the U.S.–Mexico State Alliance Partnership. The BLC is a binational mechanism for dialogue and collaboration among state legislators of the 10 U.S. and Mexico border states. These include California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas in the U.S. and Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas in Mexico.

The BLC kicked off the year with its first Binational Agriculture Legislative Forum co-hosted with the Tamaulipas State Legislature. Among the topics discussed were strategies to enhance agriculture competitiveness along the border, an overview of state perspectives on the sustainability of border agriculture and recommendations from the Border Governors' Conference Agriculture Work Table.

BLC forums were convened in Tampico, Tamaulipas, and San Antonio, Texas this year. These forums allowed lawmakers to focus on issues of importance including border security and the Merida Initiative, the global economic crisis and its impacts on the border region, child protection laws in the border region, H1N1 and other public health threats, the citrus Asian psyllid and greening disease in the citrus industry, and how to improve state legislation on scrap tires.

Partnering with the Texas Department of Transportation, the BLC co-hosted the 2nd Annual Americas 2020 Summit that gathered stakeholders from Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. to discuss North America emerging trade corridors, mobility and security across international borders, and identifying ways to strengthen economic competitiveness for the continent.

Information, declarations and recommendations from these events can be found at www.borderlegislators.org.



From left to right: BLC Vice Chair & California Senator Denise Moreno **Ducheny**, BLC Chair & Nuevo Leon Diputado Francisco Javier Cantu **Torres** accompanied by Tamaulipas Governor Eugenio Javier Hernandez **Flores** at the XIX BLC in Tampico, Tamaulipas.

Border Legislative Conference



Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Nancy **Sutley** addressed the BLC Delegation to Washington, D.C.



President of Ports-To-Plains Trade Corridor Alliance, Michael **Reeves**, spoke to the audience present at the Second Annual Americas 2020 Summit.



BLC Member Senator Eliot **Shapleigh** Texas



Right to left: BLC Member Representative Russ **Jones**, Arizona, laughed along with Diputado Edna Mireya **Perez Corona**, Baja California.



Newly appointed BLC Members from Sonora.

BLC members from Coahuila.



Director, Mexico Institute, Latin America Program at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Dr. Andrew **Selee** welcomed the BLC Delegation to Washington, D.C.



Part of the BLC Delegation pictured with members of the Congressional Border Caucus including Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz, Congressman Ruben Hinojosa and Congressman Ciro Rodriguez.

2009 Border Legislative Conference (BLC) Meetings

19th BLC Forum: March 5-6
Tampico, Tamaulipas

20th BLC Forum: November 6-7
San Antonio, Texas

BLC Sponsors and Partners

Arizona State University, North American Center for Transborder Studies • Border Governors' Conference
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Office of the Mayor of Altamira, Tamaulipas • Office of the Mayor of Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas
Office of the Mayor of Tampico, Tamaulipas • Tamaulipas State Legislature
Texas Department of Transportation • Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mexico Institute

Legislative Council on River Governance

September 14-15, 2009 • Spokane, Washington

Boundaries don't protect rivers, people do.

~ Aristotle



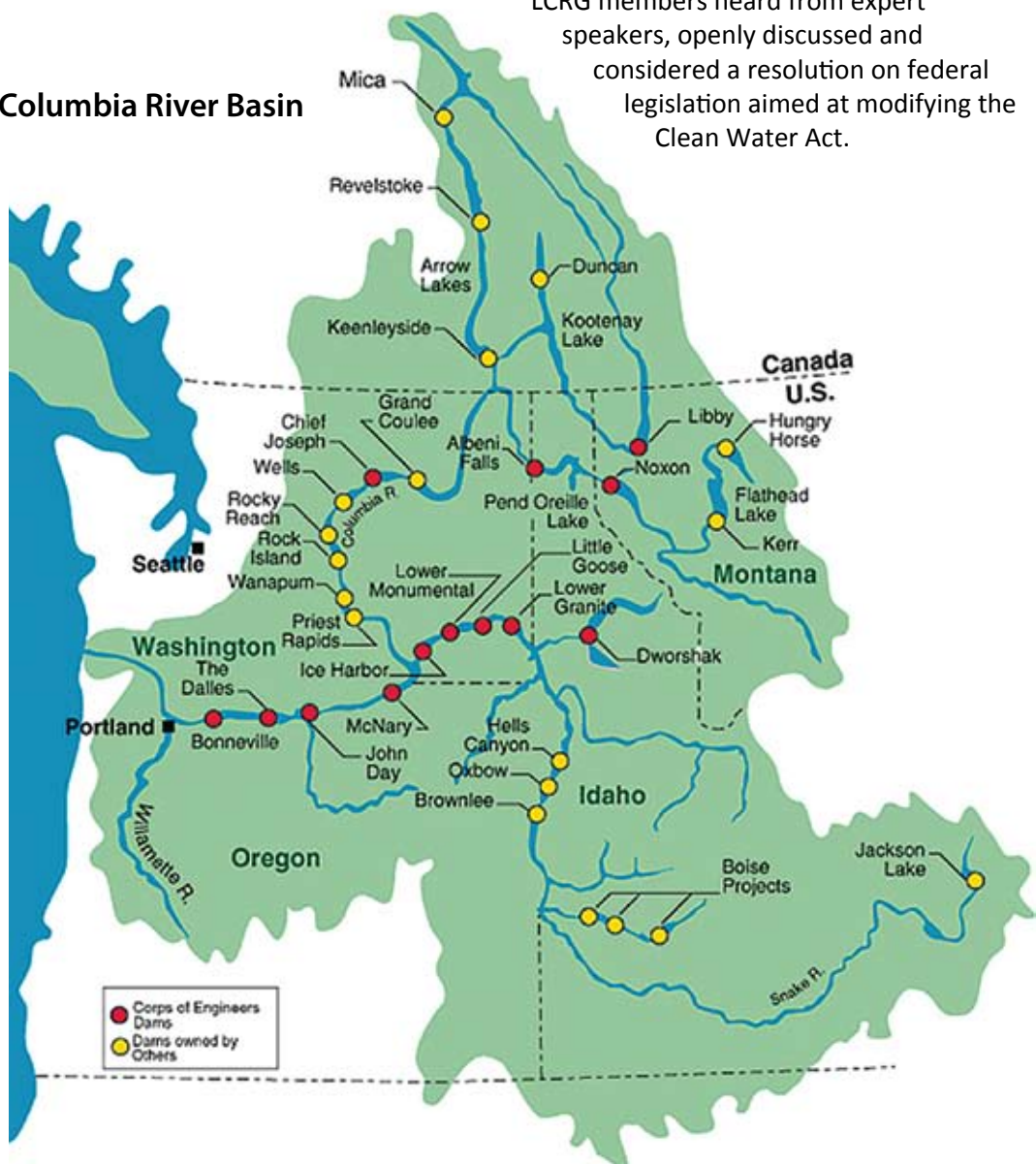
CHAIR
Debby Barrett
Representative
Montana

The Legislative Council on River Governance (LCRG) is a cooperative association comprised of legislators from Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington that promotes the exchange of information regarding issues of mutual interest along the Columbia River Basin.

In 2009, participating LCRG members were briefed on the management strategies in the four Basin states, the Columbia River Treaty and on regional trust water rights and water banking efforts. Lawmakers were also updated on federal power projects on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, as well as Washington and Oregon's Columbia River Management Programs.

LCRG members heard from expert speakers, openly discussed and considered a resolution on federal legislation aimed at modifying the Clean Water Act.

Columbia River Basin



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Every recession leads to a spurt in new business starts, reformulation of business practices and new technological adaptations. ... Get ready for phenomenal growth in healthcare, energy and lifestyle markets. For those willing to embrace the opportunities, the next decade will be successful beyond any in history.

~ Dr. Lowell Catlett, New Mexico State University historian and futurist



Opening Ceremonies

Native American Buffalo Dance was performed by local TSQ Dance Crew during the opening ceremonies of the CSG-WEST 62nd annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.



The West: America's Future

In his provocative and charismatic style, New Mexico State University historian and futurist Dr. Lowell **Catlett** told why the West is the future of America.



Jobs and the Economy

New Mexico President Pro Tempore Timothy Z. **Jennings** (left) introduced Todd **Buchholz**, the former White House economic adviser and author of "Lasting Lessons from the Corner Office," who interpreted the current economic crisis and its impact on state economies and jobs.



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Book Signings

It was popular to purchase a book authored and signed by a keynote program speaker.

"The Way We'll Be"

John Zogby, author of "The Way We'll Be" portrayed the new American dream - politically, culturally and spiritually - with all the implications for businesses, consumers, voters and lawmakers.



Presidential Leadership

New Mexico Speaker of the House Ben Lujan introduced political commentator David Gergen who shared his close observations of the cycles of presidential leadership.



Distinguished Legislative Leadership Award

Former CSG-WEST Chair and current Utah Representative Mel Brown received the CSG-WEST annual Bettye Fahrenkamp Award for Distinguished Legislative Leadership in recognition of legislation and the formation of the Children's Land Alliance Supporting Schools (CLASS), an advocacy group for school trust lands widely copied by other western states.



Shooting Star Presentation

In recognition of his leadership as Chair of CSG-WEST, New Mexico Representative Jose Campos was presented the prestigious State Government Affairs Council (SGAC) award by Elisabeth Loudy.



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

New Mexico Senator Cynthia Nava, Chair of the Senate Education Committee and Legislative Education Study Committee, listened as Jami Grindatto, 2009 Innovate-Educate Board Chairman and Corporate Affairs Manager for Intel New Mexico, talked about STEM innovation in education and work force development at a special workshop provided by K-20 California Education Technology Collaborative and New Mexico Innovate-Educate.



Films on the Frontier

New Mexico Representative Thomas Garcia (above right) presided over a frank and feisty exchange of opinion by leading experts on film incentives as economic development tools. Eric Witt of the New Mexico Governor's office (left) and industry spokesperson John Hadity were among the forum speakers.

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WLA Alumni Champagne and Cider Reception

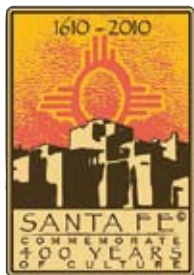
Western Legislative Academy (WLA) alumni enjoyed the annual reception held in their honor.



Senator John **Sapien**, New Mexico
2009 WLA Class President



The Welcoming Reception at the State Capitol Celebrated the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of Santa Fe



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Since 1971, the number of women serving in state legislatures has more than quintupled.

~ Center for American Women and Politics, 2009

3rd Annual Women in Politics Event

Western women—and men—laughed and listened as executive speech coach and political strategist Deb Sofield revealed “Unspoken Rules of the Game: A Handbook for Women.”

The South Carolinian is an instructor at the Women and Public Policy Program at the John F. Kennedy School of

Government at Harvard and is the current president of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University.

As part of the event, Sofield, who is also an auctioneer, worked with CSG-WEST to raise funds to give two Western women tuition scholarships to the Women’s Campaign School at Yale.



Session Co-Host
Representative Rosie **Berger**, Wyoming



Representative
Jane Powdrell-**Culbert**,
New Mexico and
Representative
Rebecca Chavez-**Houck**,
Utah

Trainer
Deb **Sofield**



Session Co-Host
Representative Joni **Gutierrez**
New Mexico

Crazy woman
sweatshirt auctioned



Health Forum: Building Collaborative Partnerships



New Mexico Senate President Pro Tempore
Timothy Z. **Jennings** presided at the health
forum informing the audience about
Inflammatory Breast Cancer.



Breast Cancer Survivor,
Patient Advocate &
Pink Ribbon Volunteer,
Jeannie **Frazier**

Director of the Morgan **Welch**
Inflammatory Breast Cancer
(IBC) Research Program and
Clinic at the University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center,
Massimo Cristofanilli, MD



Executive Medical Director
of the University of New
Mexico Cancer Center,
Richard **Lauer**, MD



Annual Legislative Training Assembly

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Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.

~Henry Ford

Media Relations, Healthy Lifestyles and Consensus Building Featured

As evidence of our commitment to continuing education for legislators at every stage of their career, CSG-WEST offers a day of professional development at every annual meeting. In 2009 the Annual

Legislative Training Assembly (ALTA) offered lessons on how to deliver memorable messages, handle “hot seat” interviews and get beyond political gridlock.



Award-winning broadcast trainer Lindsay **Strand** advised lawmakers on how to handle “hot seat” interviews.



Idaho Rep. Rich **Wills**, CSG-WEST Chair-Elect emceed ALTA.



NPR host Dr. Zorba **Paster** shared tips to achieve “Longevity for Lawmakers” during the ALTA luncheon. Paster is the author of “The Longevity Code.”



Washington Rep. Bob **Hasegawa** and Idaho Rep. Maxine **Bell** participated in a group training exercise designed to help lawmakers get beyond political gridlock.



Internationally acclaimed trainers Drs. Peter and Susan **Glaser** worked with lawmakers on a consensus building activity.

North America Summit

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Strengthening Regional Security and Economic Competitiveness

The 62nd CSG-WEST annual meeting included the day-long North America Summit II that provided an opportunity for legislators to openly discuss and hear from experts on critical continental concerns such as achieving energy independence, economic competitiveness and combating public health threats.

CSG-WEST is the only CSG region that shares a border with Canada and Mexico and is a strategic link to the Pacific Rim. The Summit's ongoing interests stem from CSG-WEST's associate membership with the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta and ongoing cooperation with Mexico border states through the Border Legislative Conference.



*Jose Guillermo
Ordorica Robles,
Mexico's Ministry
of Foreign Affairs*



*Ty Lund
Member of Alberta
Legislative Assembly*



*Kim Butler, Director General of the North America
Bureau of Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs
and International Trade*

New Energy Initiatives

Western States Energy and Environment Symposium

CSG-WEST joined the Wyoming Legislature as a co-sponsor of the Western States Energy and Environment Symposium (WSEES) convened October 25-27, 2009 in Jackson, Wyoming. Authorized by legislation adopted by the Wyoming legislature, the symposium

brought together legislative leaders and energy committee chairs from all 13 western states to discuss and identify the West's energy future. One of the out-boxes for the final report will be the CSG-WEST Energy and Environment Committee.



Small group discussions among symposium participants provided opportunities for sharing perspectives.

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John **Ehrmann** of the Meridian Institute led a session at WSEES.



Wyoming Senator John **Schiffer** addressed the media and other legislators at WSEES.

Modernization and Strengthening of the Capacity of the Western Electrical Grid

CSG-WEST was invited to join the Western Governors' Association to participate in a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to modernize and strengthen the capacity of the western electrical grid. The grant will provide significant financial support for western state legislative involvement in policy decisions affecting the transmission of electrical power for eleven western states as well as British Columbia and Alberta in Canada and northern Baja California in Mexico. The shared responsibility for the project will build on the deepening relationship between western governors and western legislators in the pursuit of common regional interests.



CSG: A Regionally-Based National Organization of States

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.

~ Thomas Jefferson

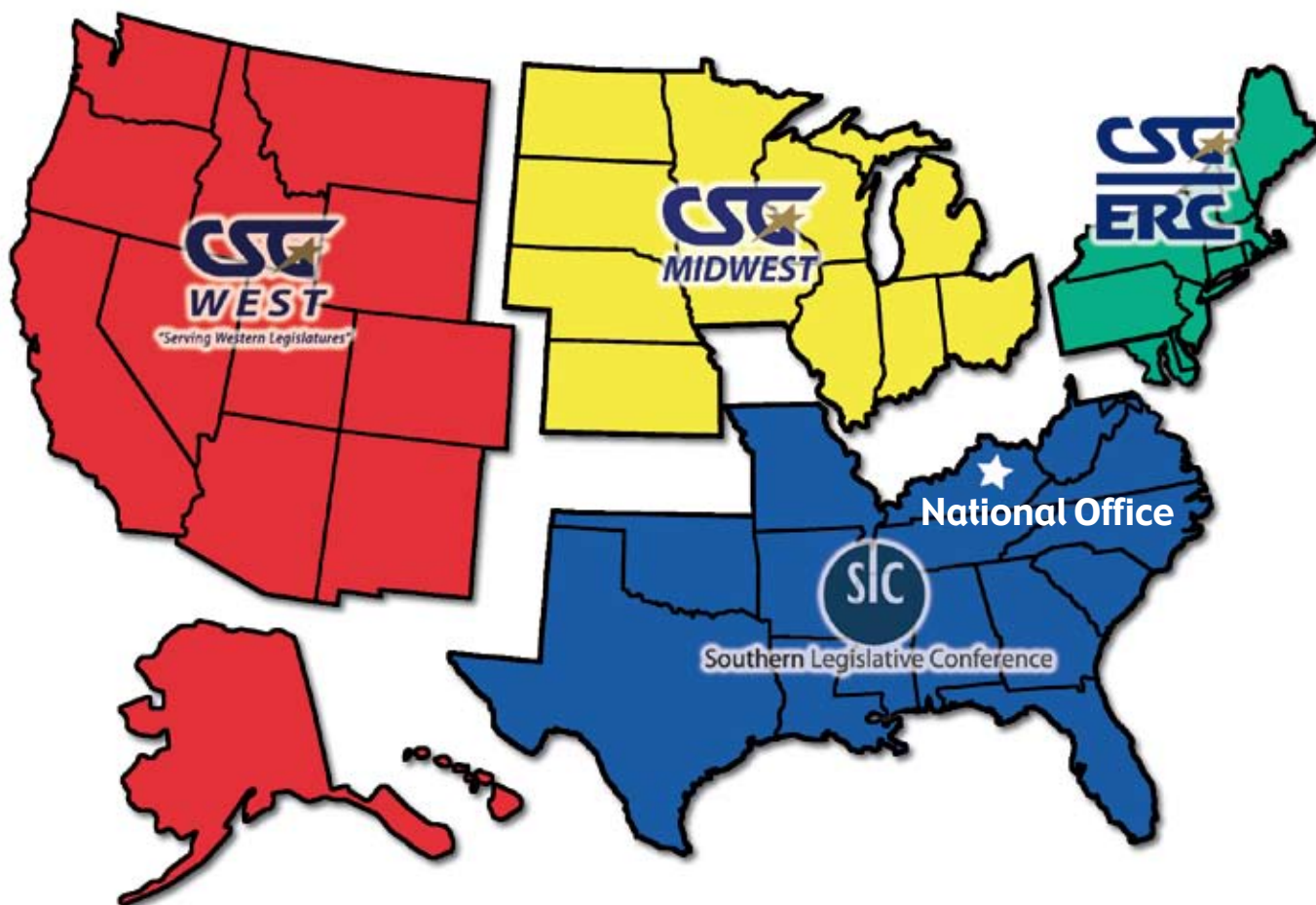
The Council of State Governments (CSG) is the only organization serving all three branches of state government. CSG is a regionally-based organization that promotes the exchange of ideas to help state elected officials better serve their constituents. CSG offers unparalleled regional, national and international opportunities to network, develop leaders and collaborate in problem-solving partnerships.

CSG has four very diverse regions with distinct geographical, demographic and cultural characteristics. Each region elects its own officers who, in turn, serve on the CSG national Executive Committee and Governing Board. In this way, and through many other areas of collaboration, regional

perspectives are brought to the forefront of national debates and program initiatives. Each region has its own staff who work with a variety of regional policy committees, research projects, initiatives and meetings. CSG-WEST serves western state legislatures exclusively.

The office in Lexington, Kentucky is home to CSG's national policy analysis and leadership development programs. The CSG Washington, D.C. office provides state leaders a channel to members of congress and members of the administration. The D.C. staff monitor federal developments and trends to evaluate the impact of federal activities on states, including U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

Regions of The Council of State Governments



Western Participation in CSG National

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If we view the rural economy as separate and distinct from the urban economy of the same region, we may be missing very significant opportunities for both.

~ David Conine, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Salt Lake City, Utah

Western Roundtable: A Conversation about Bridging the Rural/Urban Divide in the West

Program Speakers



*Dr. Glenda **Humiston**
California State
Director of Rural
Development,
USDA, Davis,
California*



*David **Conine**
Utah State
Director of Rural
Development,
USDA, Salt Lake
City, Utah*

*Oregon Secretary
of State
Kate **Brown**
Salem, Oregon*



Roundtable Participants



*Senator Lyle **Hillyard**, Utah and Representative Maxine **Bell**, Idaho*



*Idaho
Representative
Rich **Wills**,
CSG-WEST Chair
and Moderator of
the Roundtable*



*Senator Bart **Davis**,
Idaho Senate Majority
Leader and CSG Chair*

*Senator
Gary **Stevens**,
Alaska Senate
President and
Senator Bettye
Davis, Alaska*



*Representative
Cindy **Evans**
Hawaii*



*Senator Gene **Davis**, Utah*



*Senator Linda **Menard**, Alaska*



*Senator Lesli **McGuire**, Alaska and Representative Jennifer **Seelig**, Utah*

Western Participation in CSG National

2009 CSG Western Innovations Program Winners

CSG established the Innovations Awards Program in 1986 to bring greater visibility to exemplary state programs and to facilitate the transfer of those successful experiences to other states. Two western program winners were selected during the CSG-WEST annual meeting. Winners were recognized at the CSG national annual meeting in La Quinta, California, on Saturday, November 14, 2009.



Wyoming's "Healthy Families Succeed" Program uses a coordinated, cross-agency approach to deliver social services. The program targets individuals and families who use 10 or more unique drugs within 12 months and get services from several agencies. Under the program, masters-level nurses, pharmacists and experienced job counselors call or visit high risk participants in their homes to encourage family health and self sufficiency.

*Left to right: Idaho Sen. Bart **Davis**, CSG Chair; Ms. Tiffany **Tyner**, Job Coordinator; Mr. Bob **Lampert**, Chairman, Executive Leadership Team; Ms. Kathy **Moore**, Health Assist Program Coordinator; West Virginia Gov. Joe **Manchin**, III, CSG President; and Idaho Rep. Rich **Wills**, CSG-WEST Chair*

New Mexico's Innovative Digital Education and Learning Initiative, or IDEAL-New Mexico, is a web-based educational tool that offers pre-kindergarten through college classes to New Mexico citizens. The site lists more than 2,000 courses offered online by colleges and universities and serves all students, including regular and special education, advanced, remedial, home school, and nonpublic school students.

*Left to right: Idaho Sen. Bart **Davis**, CSG Chair; Dr. Jim **Holloway**, Assistant Secretary of New Mexico Public Education Department; West Virginia Gov. Joe **Manchin**, III, CSG President; and Idaho Rep. Rich **Wills**, CSG-WEST Chair.*



2009 Western Toll Fellows



CSG's national Toll Fellowship program offers leadership and policy training sessions to emerging state leaders from throughout the nation.

*(back row left to right) Sen. Kevin **Meyer** (AK), Sen. Curren **Price** (CA), Spkr. Pro Tem. Arnie **Roblan** (OR), Rep. Rich **Wills** (ID)*

*(front row left to right) Rep. Jim **Jacks** (WA), Supreme Court Justice Nancy **Saitta** (NV), Chief Staff Attorney Susan Pang **Gochros** (HI), Dept. Family Services Div. Dir. Brenda **Lyttle** (WY), Rep. Nancy **Todd** (CO), Dpty. Secretary of State Don Francisco **Trujillo** (NM)*

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Pioneering New Frontiers

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 11

- Opening Session
- Annual Legislative Training Assembly (ALTA)
- North America Summit III
- Welcoming Reception

Sunday, September 12

- Western Legislative Committee policy forums
- WESTRENDS Board
- Plenary Session
- Scenic tour of Redfish Lake area
 - *Individual choices: boat tour, hiking, fishing, biking, salmon hatchery tour*
- Idaho State Event
 - *River Run Lodge reception, gondola rides*

Monday, September 13

- Plenary Session
- Western Legislative Committee policy forums
- Women in Politics
- Free Evening

Tuesday, September 14

- Plenary Session
- Western Legislative Committee policy forums
- CSG-WEST Executive Committee Meeting
- Chair's Dinner (for all)



Accommodations will be at the Sun Valley Resort.

The government guest room rate is \$130, and the non-government room rate is \$189 per night, plus tax. Information about registration, program schedules, accommodations and travel options will be available soon at www.csgwest.org.



Coming up in 2010



The 21st **Border Legislative Conference** will convene spring 2010 in Arizona.



The **Western Legislative Academy** is scheduled for **July 12-15, 2010** at the Penrose House of the El Pomar Foundation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. **Applications are due February 10, 2010** and are available for western state legislators in their first four years of service.

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